1908, was 55,098, a gain over the pre-

Soliders' Homes shall be paid directly to the pensioner, has been compiled ment, because that would only be prowith by the authorities of these Homes; but it is generally condemned as being but it is generally condemned as being of no benefit to the members and an unless a reasonable rate could be obtained in the condemned in the co embarrassment to the management. It tained I would call a delegate Encamphas necessitated changes in the rules ment, and that I meant to do it and that right speedily. The result was state Homes, as the disbursement of pension money to members was formerly to a large extent controlled the Home authorities, partly for dis-ciplinary purposes and partly for the of members who are incapacitated by infirmities and therefore require assistance and supervision in the care of their pension. In some instances unfortunates who could be kept in the Home as long as the disbursement of their pension was under control now have to be set adrift beof dissolute habits and conse quent interference with the comforts

I also find that under the provisions of the act approved Feb. 26, 1881, as amended by act approved ug. 7, 1882, the Treasurers of the several branches of the Home have received from the Pension Agents during the year penthe request of the members, to their familles and dependent relatives. I find by the report of the President of the Board, under the authority conferred upon him by the law, that for the year ending June 39, 1908, the amount appropriated and spent in the National and State Homes for support, main-tenance, etc., was the sum of \$1,187,-

I find that the land upon which the National Soldiers' Homes are erected amounts to 525,936 acres, valued at \$483,474.85, and buildings erected thereon \$10,513,648,42; total, \$10,907,

I did not have the time to investigate as to the cost of the State Sol-diers' Homes. I find that the average expenditure for the year ending June 1908, per capita, was the sum of \$232.63.

This is a summary of the amount of money that has been expended in erecting the National and State Soldiers Homes for the care of our wards, and the amount which it costs each year to support and maintain them. In addithis, each and every comrade in the Home receives the pension allowed to them by statute.

I did not have an opportunity to visit but one Home where the comrades are admitted with their wives, and that was one of the two Homes in New Jersey; namely, the Soldiers' Home Vineland. I was much pleased v Vineland. I was much pleased with Altho the subject so earnestly and in- the management and conduct of affairs fluentially set forth by your letters wis in this Home. The comrades seem much better satisfied than in Homes where recent meeting of the membership of Acsock only wish that there could be more Homes of this kind. The Soldiers' sion that they might not consisten... Home at Vineland is a model in all re-

maintenance, and that if the officials did not do their duty they should promptly call the attention of the Inspectors or other proper authorities to the fact, and not write anonymous letters tending to bring disgrace and dis credit upon the institution. I found in this Home that all the officials were Grand Army men, and in addition to their pensions were receiving compen-sation for such labor as they could perform: that the Surgeons and some of the nurses and cooks were not Grand Army men, for the reason that Grand Army men in the Home would not or not perform the duties required of them. Before leaving this subject, I desire

to call your attention to the letter of the President of the Board to the printed report of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, on page 7 of said report, and also the report of the Inspector-Gen-eral and Chief Surgeon, on page 65, re-Soldiers, on page 7 of said report, and also the report of the Inspector-General and Chief Surgeon, on page 65, relating to the results obtained among our aged comrades from the adoption of modern methods in the treatment of the members are treated in the moments are treated in the members are treated in the many tuberculosis. Nearly one-third of the members are treated in the members are treated in the members are treated in the sold in the several conferences during the everywhere by the common good of our organized among to desire to say that the field A subcommittee was appointed to assist the Military Committee, and an effort made to get this subcommittee was appointed to assist the Military Committee, and an effort made to get this subcommittee was found in this way work to destine for the common good of our organized among one fare for the round trip. Thus you will observe that all roads west of milite upon the ground at Bull Run, but together for the common good of our organized among one fare for the round trip. Thus you will observe that all roads west of more fare for the round trip. Thus you do as \$1,034.99. They contribute the common good of our organized among one fare for the round trip. Thus you do as \$1,034.99. They contribute the common good of our organized among one fare for the common good of our organized. The conclusion, I desire to say that together for the common good of our organized among one fare for the round trip. Thus you do as sold the field A subcommittee was appointed to assist the Military Committee, and an effort made to get this year has been the most members at the field A subcommittee was appointed to assist the Military Committee, and an effort made to get this subcommittee was appointed to assist the Military Committee.

The transcontinental lines, operating the field A subcommittee was appointed to assist the Military Committee.

Call an the hospitals during the year, and 83 cent receive treatment either at sick calls or in the hospitals.

## Transportation.

On the 17th of November, 1908, I indited a three-page typewritten letter in the form of an appeal, petition, ap-plication and prayer, by the Grand Army of the Republic to the railroad associations, asking for a rate of one cent per mile to and from Salt Lake This petition was couched in courteous language and mailed to all of the railroad associations, the ceipt of which was acknowledged by

On the 7th of December, 1908, I visited several of these passenger associa-tions in the city of Chicago, all of whom received me most courteously, and I was informed by them that the rate would have to be fixed by transcontinental lines which run into the city of Salt Lake, these lines being the Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande and one or two others, and that they would gladly give such rate as would be fixed by the transcontinental lines I immediately communicated with these lines, and afterwards at Salt Lake City received notice that the first-named enger associations refused to give a better rate than \$43 for the round nied with a check to pay the expenses trip from Chicago. I called upon these associations again, and was informed that they would give such rates as the transcontinental lines would agree up-on. I then called upon the Citizens'

sociation, and in the month of January, 1909, received notice from the
President of the Association that it
would hold a meeting in Chicago on
the 21st of January, inviting me to be
present with the Executive Committee
of the Council of Advisoration and the council of the Council of the Council of Advisoration. After a long argument, and answering Chief, with the Council of Administra-tion, if they could not get a reasonable Comrade Rassieur, retaining him to reprate to Salt Lake City, to change the resent the Grand Army of the Republic place of holding the Encampment, or and to keep me fully advised. This to postpone the Encampment or to call will was drawn in a very inartistic manner and crude form and reads as follows:

pared for in the National and State month, of December, 1908, the Council Homes for the year ending June 30, of Afministration voted to leave th whole matter in my hands; that I did not propose to change the place I found that the act of Congress approved May 28, 1908, which requires that the pension of members of State that the pension of members of State that I did state the pension of members of State that I did the pension of the pension not propose to postpone the Encamp-ment, because that would only be pro-Western Association together, and they agreed upon a rate of one fare for the round trip from Chicago and St. Louis to Salt Lake City and return. I in-sisted upon a ticket good for 30 days. upon diverse lines, with reasonable stop-overs upon the return trip at different points within the Western Passenger Association territory, and no that would be satisfactory. I then called the Encampment for Salt Lake City.

#### Second and Third Appeals.

Afterwards I received notice from and others that they had fixed the same rate. I applied to them for a

wives are not admitted, and I the Central Passenger Association meet your expectations; hence the ten-der of fare and one-half in the terri-

Departments, stating that if a rate of one fare prevailed the Departments would turn out strong, otherwise the attendance would be small.

To this letter, under date of April 29, I received the following answer:

"Your favor of the 25th instant, with

inclosures referred to, is received. While sieur I apprehend that a renewal of your ap-plication will not result in the further concessions for which you so earnestly plead, I will be pleased to submit your letter, with accompanying papers, to the next meeting of the Association, convening on the 12th prox., and in promptly advising you, with return of

our inclosures."
Under date of May 15 I received a letter from Mr. Donald declining to re-

open the matter.
The transcontinental lines, operating and St. Louis. This is not as good a rate as these Associations are giving to Summer tourists for the Yukon-Soattie Eyenstition but these battlefields. Both of these monuments need attention and repairs. I was my good for ure to visit Anderson

the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic for a reasonable rate to and from our Encampment, for the men who from '61 to '65 bore the brunt of battle and saved the Union-one and in divisible-and that the great railroad corporations which girdle it with their tracks have no feeling of patriotism and make no concessions to the com-rades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## Salt Lake City.

Before visiting Salt Lake City I appointed a sub-committee of the Executive Committee, of four comrades, re-siding west of Chicago, in order to save expense, but before starting I received an invitation from the Commercial Club of Salt Lake City, inviting me with my staff, to visit them, accompaof the trip, the amount of which paid all the expenses of the trip except a fe

## Legacy.

at they could obtain.

St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Rockwood, for her magnificent gift. He further lift then brought other influences to III., had died, leaving a last will and recommended that the Encampment testament, dated July 30, 1908, in supplement his action in the premises the Council of Administration. To purporting to be last wills of Henry of Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar, widow of we expense I went alone, determined Bergerer, were filed at the same time our late Commander-in-Chief, Wilmon in the Probate Court of St. Louis City.
In the the question settled that day. in the Probate Court of St. Louis City. passenger lines connected with having time to call the Executive Comthe Western Association, I said to them mittee of the Council of Administra-that I had the resolution of the 42d tion together, and Comrade Rassieur Encampment and an engrossed National Encampment in my pocket having submitted the names of eminent which empowered the Commander-incounsel in St. Louis for my consideration, I immediately communicated with This

"St. Louis, Mo., July 39, 1908. "I, Henry Berger, formaly of Rockwood, Ill., now of the city of St. Hockwood, Ill., now of the city of St. Louis, Mo., this to be my last will first that all my just debts shall be paid if any second I give to the Grand Army of Republic eight thousand (\$8,000) to the third, three thousand (\$3,000) to the Cleveland Orphan Asylum the fourth. The fourth of the directed to the convergence of their order. My Cleveland Orphan Asylum, the fourth: two thousand (\$2,000) to the Jewish Consumptive Hospital of Denver, Colo. 5th. I appoint Jefferson M. Wall my exegetor without bond. I leave my nurse one hundred (\$100) Marion S.

Spies, if anything give it to the St. Louis Jewish Home. "Henry Ber "Henry Bergerer."

"Witness, Hurd Gilbreath, Mildred Frankel. Upon a full hearing of the witnesses to the last will the paper making the bequest to the Grand Army of the Re-public was admitted to probate in com-

that the matter would be taken up speedily, and we would receive a rate the Republic was made a party de-that would be satisfactory. I then fendant. The Department of Missouri, G. A. R., which is duly incorporated in the State of Missouri, was served with summons upon the allegation that it was a corporation under the name "Grand Army of the Republic." Com-Afterwards I received notice from the amount of \$4,269,688.12. Of this sum \$3,178,726.12 has been paid to mombers, and \$1,022,502.97 sent, at helf fare thru their territory to Chinembers, and \$1,022,502.97 sent, at the results of the members to their territory to Chinembers, and \$1,022,502.97 sent, at the results of the members to their territory to Chinembers, and \$1,022,502.97 sent, at the results of the members to their territory to Chinembers, and \$1,022,502.97 sent, at the results of the members the description of the members the case of the membe ney and counsel in the Probate Court. As soon as the Department of Missouri, cago for the round trip, and after-wards received notice from the Eastern Passenger Association, the Trunk Lines served with summons as a defendant in the will contest, under the name same rate. I applied to them not better rate, but without avail.

Knowing that the Eastern Passenger Association, the Trunk Lines and others passed thru the territory of the ers passed thru the territory of the policy and the Central Passenger Association, I applied again to the Central Passenger Association by Comrade Rasseur, and submitted by me to the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, and thereupon it was resolved by the Executive Committee and the Department of the case reconsidered, stating that I could not expect the Trunk Lines and other associations passing thru their other associations passing thru their of fix a lower rate than the fix a lower rate than the station and after success was achieved in the name of either organism of the Republic being the large Central Passenger Association, wrote me as follows:

"Acknowledging your further com-

Central Passenger Association, wrote me as follows:

"Acknowledging your further communication of the 6th instant, relative to a renewal with the membership of the Central Passenger Association of the 6th instant, relative to a renewal with the membership of the Central Passenger Association of the fact that a brother and sister of the Question of rate concession for your approaching Annual Encampment, and not been made parties. Before filing an amended petition to bring the presented unabridged to a meeting of the Association convening on the lith instant, following which we will promptly advise you of the result."

The answer I received under date of that they would make both organization to the Suluction with reference to the Grand Army of the Republic, and indicated that they would make both organization to the Woman's Relief that they would make both organization and they are in hearty accord and commades addressing me as General.

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## Bull Run Battlefield Monuments

session of Congress to have some action taken in relation to two monuents erected upon the Bull Run bat-

At the last Encampment several resolutions were referred to the Commit-tee on Legislation. As there is no Committee on Legislation except the Com-mittee for Veterans in the Public Ser-vice, and there being a number of these neapolis, Minn., Chairman; Adin B. Ca-pron, of Rhode Island; Washington Gardiner, of Michigan; George W. Cook, of Colorado; N. B. Thistiewood, of Illinois, and J. W. C. Hull, of Iowa, all of whom except the Chairman are embers of Congress, and to this committee all the resolutions above referred to were sent, as well as many ther matters on the subject of G. A. R. legislation. I presume this committee will report, either orally or in writing.

## The Blackmar Resolution.

The Commander-in-Chief, in his re-Committee of Salt Lake City to make an effort and see what could be done in from Comrade Leo Rassieur, stating that a comrade of the Grand Army of trip from Chicago was the best rate that they could obt in.

I then brought other information of the Grand Army of the Brought of the Grand and the Comrade of the Republic, one Henry Bergerer, of St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Broken. port to the 42d National Encampment, supplement his action in the pre by an appropriate resolution. I report of the committee appointed upon the address of the Commander-in-Chief, they, among other things, reported as "With reference to the gift of \$1,000

Encampment and an engrossed copy thereof be transmitted to Mrs. Blackmar as a slight token of appreciation:
"Resolved, That the sincere, heartfelt
thanks of the 42d National Encamp-

"Resolved, That the Adjutant-General be directed to have a true copy of al be directed to have a true copy of these resolutions properly engrossed and transmitted to Mrs. Blackmar as a slight token of our appreciation, and with the information that these resolutions were adopted unanimously and by a rising vote."

added many Circles to their Order. My every request upon this organization during the past year has been cheerfully complied with, and they contributed \$295.88 to the Southern Memorial Fund and have rendered valuable assistance to our Order in many ways—in the public schools assistance.

Encampment in this respect have been donated to Homes for the aged vet-carried out. The Adjutant-General erans and their families, to the Memo-caused the said resolutions to be encaused the said resolutions to be engrossed in German text in book form, in three colors of India ink, with the Grand Army badge upon the title page. The book was lined with white silk and bound in sealskin.

On Nov. 22, 1205 the Communication and their families, to the Memorial University of Iowa and many other charities. They have merited our consideration and are entitled to receive our acknowledgment and thanks. To its National President I am under lasting obligations for an active or account. On Nov. 23, 1908, the Commander-in- and hearty support.

mon form, and the other papers were rejected by the Probate Court.

One of the legatees in the paper dent of the Woman's Relief Corps, called upon Mrs. Blackmar at her resigned. charge for validation of tickets, which was granted. I immediately communicated with the Eastern Passenger Association, and was informed by them that the matter would be taken up that the matter would be taken up that the matter would be taken up that the Republic was made a party designed to the legaters in the paper density and the paper density and the paper would be taken up the Republic was made a party designed to the Woman's Relief Corps, and present-section of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Republic was made a party designed to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Republic was made a party designed to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Republic was made a party designed to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Republic was made a party designed to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Republic was made a party designed to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Republic was made a party designed to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Grand Army of t resolutions. Mrs. Blackmar was glad, indeed, to receive such recognition from the Grand Army of the Republic, and desired me to report to this Encamp-ment her thanks for the resolutions, saying that she would ever cherish them in grateful remembrance of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Gun Metal. The 42d National Encampment authorized the incoming administration to purchase such an amount of gun metal for badges and buttons as they

Howell, Congressman from the Third the home at Chelsea, Mass., the Massa-District of the State of New Jersey, chusetts Department supplies the needs who offered a joint resolution in Con-gress, donating a condemned cannon to the Grand Army of the Republic for This organization has grown until it this use. It was promptly passed and has become a strong one, and under owing to the exertion of John Kean the wise leadership of their accomand Joseph B. Fornker, Senators, the plished and energetic National Presi-resolution passed the Senate promptly, dent their growth has been phenome-

Association, impleading as representatives of the National organization the ridividual members of the Executive Committee.

The estate consists of about \$15,000 cash assets. The first will undertakes to give the same substantially to Life the same substantial to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial University of Iowa are liberal. They are destined to contributions to the Memorial Universit 

Commander and Assistant Adjutant-Chief of the Grand Army of the Re-General of the Department of Missouri.
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At that time such action as had been taken by the Commander-in-Chief in Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. employing Comrade Rassieur to look Our organization is under great obemploying Comrade Rassieur to look employing Comrade Rassieur to look after the interests of the Grand Army ligation for the services rendered by triotism. One of the chief aims of verse and reverse sides; upon one state that the Penullic in this matter was rationally the Woman's Rejief their Order is to teach truthful Ameriof the Penullic in this matter was rationally the Woman's Rejief their Order is to teach truthful Ameriof the panel is the profile of Dr. Benj. Can history, and inculcate the principle of the panel is the profile of the panel is t after the interests of the Grand Army ligation for the services rendered by triotism. One of the chief aims of the panel is the profile of Dr. Benj. field by the Council, and Comrade Rassieur was retained to look after the case and press it to a conclusion. He can active worker, and I am under patriotism is just as essential now as and upon each of the three sides are seeur was retained to a conclusion. He est and active worker, and I am under patriousm is just as essential new as also directed to employ such counsel, and a deep sense of obligation to her for when its principles were first inculcations of the sel as he deemed necessary in conductions of the sel as he deemed necessary in conductions of the sel as he has been ready at all lems, affecting the welfare of the Residue of the selection of the selec was also directed to employ such as the deemed necessary in conducting the said suit, provided he felt that he needed such further counsel.

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The above is the status of the case is the case is the An effort was made during the last ladies' organizations from the fact that will be left to perpetuate the memory of their fathers and their service and

spiendid state of preservation. They are well fenced; the dead lines and stockade lines well marked, and the the Encampments of the Grand Army four forts preserved in their natural of t state. The grounds are laid out in take state. mittee on Legislation, consisting of Comrade Samuel R. Van Sant. of Minimposing monument of that grand wo-Lizabeth Turner. man, Lizabeth Turner. Providence sentative men of the Grand Army of Spring bubbles beneath a stone structure and archway of imposing appearance. Groves of pecan trees have been standing between the two organizaplanted and are now in bearing, and the many wells dug by our unfortunate comrades while inmates of Anderson ville Prison are still preserved. The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps have expended a large amount of money upon this park in addition to ladies the purchase price paid therefor. They now ask the Government to take title to the same.

The comrades of the Grand Army the Republic should assist our ladies in the passage of the bill transferring this park to the Government. It is only a few rods distant from the Ar dersonville Cemetery, where repose the remains of 13,722 of our unfortunate comrades who were confined in Ander sonville Prison, and who were literal ly starved to death there. I recom-mend that a committee be appointed to assist the ladies in the passage of such a bill.

such a bill.

The records show that during the month of August a comrade yielded up his life every 22½ minutes.

The Woman's Relief Corps was organized at Denver, Colo., with 45 charter members, and they have grown thruout the various Departments, and are attached to the various Posts of the Departments, and now number over 165,000 loyal women. The records show that they have expended for

by a rising vote."

In the public schools, assisting at memorial services, and in the large sums

#### Daughters of Veterans.

This organization, as is stated by it name, is composed of our own daugh-ters. It originated with five girls on a Memorial Day in 1885, after they had returned from a cemetery where they had taken part in the Memorial exercises, and at Quincy, Ill., in 1899, with 194 members they organized a National Department, altho they had at that time the sum of only \$32.85 in their treasury. Their growth has been steady and at the 29th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Chicago, Ill., a cordial welcome was extended to the Daughters of Veterans, and all Departments and Posts were requested to accept their services. The Tents take great interest in the Soldiers' Homes, where frequent visits are made and entertainments given. At

I have met with them many time during the past year, at many Campfires and Reunions, and I find thes Tents of Daughtern using their utmos endeavors to make the entertainments

in various Departments during the past year, and find that they are doing good work in inculcating the spirit of pa-triotism. One of the chief aims of verse and reverse sides; upon one side fully complied with every request and mainly upon the truly patriotic citizendemand which I have made upon her. ship of our land. When the Grand to the Grand Army of the Republic, tached to the Posts of the Grand Army the maintenance of the Union. They of the Republic, and in this way work now number about 40,060. I have had

They hold their Annual National Encampments at the same time and place as of the Republic, not that they may take part with us in our Encampment and deliberations, but that the repremay come in contact with the repre

## The Blue and the Gray.

I have been approached many times many communications from members union services upon Memorial Day and for him in his deep affliction. I did not hesitate, as the representa-

tive of the Grand Army of the Repub-Blue and the other to the Gray. other matters of this character I have Army of the Republic. One of these questions is a Reunio

federate Veterans, and this Reunion has been strongly urged and recomare attached to the various Posts of the Departments, and now number over 165,000 loyal women. The records show that they have expended for the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the widows and orphans of those who have fallen in various ways nearly four millions of dollars.

has been strongly urged and recommended by comrades and the press of the Northwest. Another is by the survivers of the Strongly urged and recommended by comrades and the press of the Northwest. Another is by the survivers of the Republic and the Republic and the survivers of Pickett's Division for a Reunion of the two armies at Gettysburg upon that historic shell less continue in the survivers of the battle of Gettysburg upon that historic shell less continue in the second state of the survivers of the Republic and the press of the Northwest. Another is by the survivers of the Republic and the Press of the Northwest. Another is by the survivers of the Republic and the Press of the Northwest. Another is by the survivers of the Republic and the Northwest. Another is by the survivers of the Republic and the Republic

ed her own generosity and kindness to the comrades of our Order, but forcibly reminded us as well of the affection. They were organized at Guthrie, Me., by them as American citizens and unitccasions, I feel that it must always be ANSWERS TO by them as American citizens and unit-ed with the one object and aim of preserving and perpetuating the Govern-ment of our fathers—under the one Flag the Flag of Washington—the Flag

that Flag Day was observed this year more universally than heretofore and that the importance of Flag Day is being more carefully considered than in years gone by. Flags were displayed on Flag Day at the Post rooms, on public and private buildings, and in many instances the day was observed with appropriate exercises suitable for the day and occasion.

W. M., Patriot, Ind.: Thousands of special or private pension bills are introduced at each session of Congress. Those who are successful in getting their names on the bills that go thru swhile the others wait unless they make personal inquiry of their Congressman, who usually knows of the fate attending any of his own bills. day and occasion.

It is to be hoped that this observance of Flag Day and the honoring of the Flag will grow in interest and in deep ous kinds of soils in Florida. The zandy appreciation of the Flag as the years

go by. The Stephenson Memorial Monument.

#### Order of Exercises.

The assemblage was called to order the Grand Army of the Republic, as presiding officer.

Invocation by the Rev. John Fletcher

Presentation of the memorial to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by Comrade Louis Wagner, Treasurer of the Stephenson G. A. R. Memorial Committee.

Acceptance of and presentation to Laws Governing Elections in Florida. Army of the Republic.

Wagner, Treasured
G. A. R. Memorial Committee.

Acceptance of and presentation to the United States by the Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Who Are Qualified Electors.—Every male person of the age of 21 years and upwards that shall at the time of registron he a citizen of the United States. Address by the President.

Presentation of the sculptor, J. Mas-

U. S. Army, Grand Marshal; Maj. S Sturgis, U. S. Army, Chief of Staff.

Marine Band.

Encampment be extended to Comrade Thomas S. Hopkins. The monument is of granite, with the itself is 40 feet high above its base, and is a work of art and beautyand an honor to the memory of the founder of our organization.

## Conclusion.

In conclusion, I desire to say that this year has been the most memorable and most pleasant of my whole life. I have been greeted everywhere by the comrades and others with the greatest cordiality, and the pleasure which has rades of the many Departments and to Summer tourists for the Yukon-Seattie Exposition, but we cannot avail ounselves of the Summer tourist rate unless we purchase tickets thru to Seattle.

You will abserve, comrades, that I have labored earnestly and zealously with the great railroad corporations in the interests of the Grand Army of the seattle.

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> months of my administration I also desire to express my thanks to the Quartermaster-General for the very efficient manner in which he has performed his duty under the most during the past year and have received painful circumstances, having lost three of the Grand Army of the Republic and and two within 90 days of each other, our late opponents, United Confederate the last being his beloved wire, and Veterans, in relation to Reunions of during this affliction he has maintained to the confederate of the conf the two organizations, the erection of a Christian fortitude most sublime. I twin monuments upon the battlefields, ask the sympathies of this Encampment I need not, in this presence,

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into the details of the splendid, hearty co-operation and support of the elective lie, in objecting to twin monuments and appointive officers of this adminisupon the battlefields, the one to the tration, including the members of the In a i staff and all comrades of the Grand My relations suggested and recommended that questions of this kind should be submitted to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Grand Army of the Republic at the Community by the Republic at the Community by the Republic at the Community by the Republic at the Republ its Encampments by way of resolution and each and every one has done all in his power to make this administra-One of these questions is a Reunion of the G. A. R. and the U. C. V. for 1910 at Washington, D. C., strongly urged by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Contion a successful one. And I desire to honor conferred upon them and the trust reposed in them. May the close relations which have existed between us remain unbroken forever.

"Resolved, That the sincere, heartfelt thanks of the 42d National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Toledo, O., September, 1908, be tendered to Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar for her munificent gift of \$1,000, whereby she not only manifest—

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#### CORRESPONDENTS.

which never has and never will brook defeat. And that upon such occasions no so-called flag, which never had a legal existence, should cast even a shadow upon its glimmering folds as it floats in the blue azure of heaven.

Resolutions of this character will undoubtedly be presented to this Encampment for your consideration, and I invite your careful attention to the same. Flag Day.

Flag Day.

A Word to Correspondents.

Please do not write on both sides of your letter paper. Sign your full name, inot necessarily for publication, and write it and all proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and cent of the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and cent of the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and cent of the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and cent of the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and cent of the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and cent of proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and cent of proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly. Do not abtriviate your words, Give your postoffice and the proper names very distinctly.

any of his own bills. A. C. T., Girard, Pa.: There are vari-

loam seems to be the one best adapted to general purposes. The muck soil is black and formed of decayed vegeta-The Stephenson Memorial Monument. tion. In a bulletin lately issued by Pursuant to a resolution of the 42d Prof. H. W. Blair, of the State Experi-National Encampment and also pur-suant to General Orders No. 9 of the says: "Muck soils are generally acid Commander-in-Chief, the Stephenson or sour, and this acidity must be cor-Memorial Monument was dedicated to the public at Washington, D. C., on Sat-Muck soils often contain substances urday, July 3, 1909, in the presence of that are injurious and even poisonous comrades of the Grand Army of the to cultivated plants." He further adds Republic assembled, pursuant to General Orders No. 9, members of the Senous substances can be exposed to the ate, House of Representatives and the air and oxidized and to a considerable extent destroyed. It takes much more labor to handle muck soils than any of the others. While muck soils are rich by Charles A. Partridge, Chairman of the Stephenson G. A. R. Memorial Committee, who introduced Comrade Wm. Warner, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Papublic.

varieties, and intelligence can keep them in order. It was the experience Invocation by the Rev. John Fletcher
Spence, D. D., Chaplain-in-Chief, Grand
Army of the Republic.

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Parade by detachment of the Army,
Navy and Marine Corps and District
Militia. Maj.-Gen. W. W. Wotherspoon, of naturalization or duly certified copies thereof, and shall make oath that they are the identical persons named in such Appropriate music by Mrs. Anna are the identical persons named in such Grant Fugitt, accompanied by the U.S. certificates, before they shall be allowed to register: Provided, That the following classes

forth as an organization with the proud boast that they are the sons of veterans.

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all of the declars in regard to the day of such election, his poll taxes to the day of such election, his poll taxes for the two years next preceding the Encampment be extended to Comrade year in which such election shall be held; provided, that no person shall be prevented from voting on account of not having so paid a poll tax for any year which shall not have been lawfully assessable against him by reason of his not having been of age, or having been over 55 years of age, or who has lost a limb in battle, and who shall have prolarge, handsome bronze figures, one cured and shall exhibit the certificate representing Fraternity, one Charity, of the Supervisor of Registration to that effect as hereinafter provided for; pro-vided, that no person who has not been in this State one year previous to any general election shall be required to pay more than one year's poll taxes.

## The Sist III.

Editor National Tribune: Please give a brief history of the 81st Ill., of which my grandfather was Colonel and lost his life in the assault at Vicks-burg.—Ida M. Smith, 1113 South Sau-

tofe St., Chanute, Kan. The 81st Ill. was organized at Camp Anna, Aug. 26, 1862, and finally mus-tered out Aug. 5, 1865. Col. S. L. Campbell resigned and Lieut.-Col. A. W. Rogers was in command of the regiment when it was mustered out. The Sist III, belonged to Lauman's Division, Seventeenth Corps, and lost 74 killed in battle and 295 died from disease, in prison, etc.-Editor National Tribune.

# The 39th N. Y.

Editor National Tribune: Will you kindly give a short history of the 39th N. Y., known as the Garibaldi Guard.— Comrade Eichele, Weehawken, N. J. The 39th N. Y., called also the Gari-The 39th N. 1., called also the Gari-haldi Guard, was organized at Wash-ington, May 28, 1861, and finally mus-tered out July 1, 1865. Col. Frederick G. D'Utassy was dismissed and Col. Augustus Funk was in command when

the careful and efficient manner in the regiment was mustered out. The which he has performed his duties, but regiment belonged to the Second Corps also for his many acts of kindness and and lost 115 killed and 159 died from disease disease, imprisonment, etc. — Editor National Tribune.

## The 39th Ind.

Editor National Tribune: Please give history of the 39th Ind .- Jacob W. Miler, Bloomington, Ind.

The 39th Ind. was organized at Indianapolis, Aug. 29. IS61, and its designation changed to the Sth Ind. Cav. in October, IS63. Two more companies were organized in IS64 to complete the regiment as a cavalry organization. Col. Thomas J. Harrison was brevetted General and Col. Fielder A. Jones was in command of the regiment when it was mustered out July regiment when it was mustered out July 20, 1865. The Sth Ind. Cav. lost men killed in battle and 251 died 20, 1865. lisease, in prison, etc.-Editor National Tribune.

## The 187th Pa.

Editor National Tribune: Will you please give me a brief history of the 87th Pa.—C. C. Dodge, Lebam, Wash-

The 187th Pa. was organized at Philadelphia from March 3, 1864, and mustered out Aug. 3, 1865. Col. John E. Parsons commanded during its It belonged to the Fifth Corps and lost 66 killed and 70 died from die se, in prison, etc. - Editor National Tribune.

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